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- 25X1 1. Between 23 and 28 August, 54 enlisted men were drawn from the II Battalion/ 6th Proletarian Brigade of the 17th Infantry Division and taken to an unknown assembling area from where they were to be sent to join the Greek guerrilla fighters. Although these 54 men had all been Tito Partisans, before they left the II Battalion they were secretly screened by an attached military UDB unit.
- 25X1 2. The transfer of these 54 men was supposed to be carried out secretly, but it was common knowledge in the battalion that to camouflage this move some of them were issued leave orders, some reported sick, and the remainder were officially transferred to a replacement depot.
3. The II Battalion is very actively trained and often has small night maneuvers in the adjoining terrain along the road leading from Bled to Bohinska Bela. On such occasions the nearby road is blocked to civilian traffic. The battalion has five Soviet instructors, some of whom train units in gas warfare, including the use of gas masks. On 25 August 1947, two of the instructors, during class, told the men that the American atomic bomb was a bluff in comparison to the means which are in possession of the Soviets which of course are kept secret. The Soviet instructors invited the men to join the Greek "Democratic Army" and promised them triple their salaries, higher family allowances and, on special occasions, rewards.

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